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Further, Applicants have amended the specification to clarify that a polycide is a shortened general term used to represent the term polysilicide. Further, polysilicide is also a broad term encompassing both non-self-aligned and self-aligned silicides (salicides). Applicants submit that support for the amendments is found in the specification as originally filed, and that no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments.

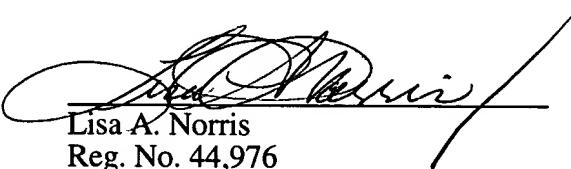
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Respectfully submitted,

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